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Briggs—Mighty pretty bonnet your wife had on last Sunday. At least my wife said it was.
Briggs—Yes; and it all came from my absent-mindedness that she got it.
Briggs—How's that?
Briggs—When I went home the other evening, thinking very intently about business, as I often do, I found my wife in the kitchen. Now, what should I do but hand the bird I had brought home to my wife and kiss the cook! Of course she knew it was a mistake, but—oh, well, you know how women are.—Tid-Bits.

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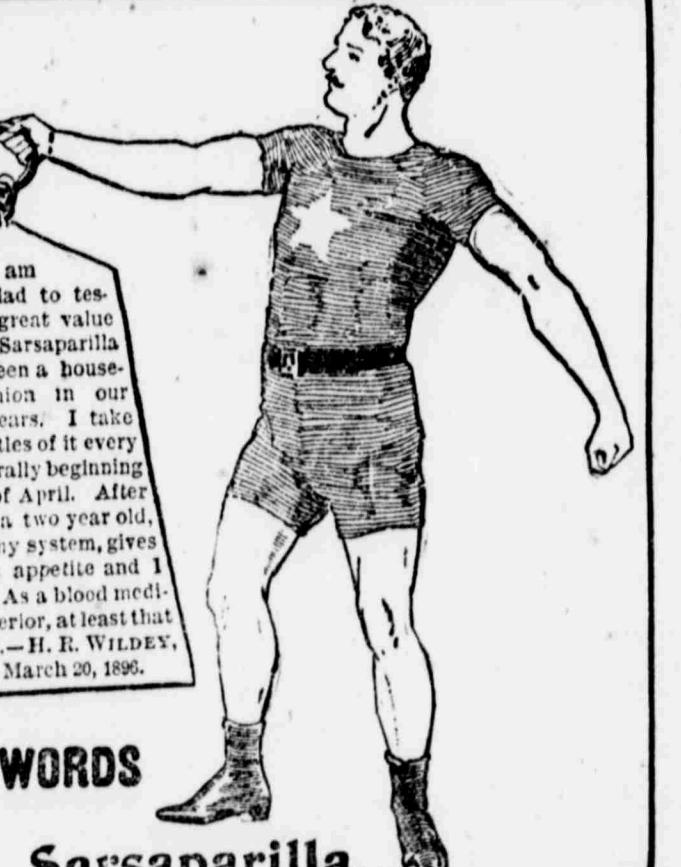
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GRANT AT THE MESS-TABLE.

He Ate Very Little Meat, But Was Fond of Fruit.

General Horace Porter gives many intimate and familiar pictures of General Grant in his series of articles, "Campaigning with Grant," now running in the "Century." He says of General Grant at the mess-table:

About the only meat he enjoyed was beef, and this he could not eat unless it was so thoroughly well done that no appearance of blood could be seen. If blood appeared in any meat which came on the table, the sight of it seemed to entirely destroy his appetite. (This was the man whose enemies delighted in calling him a butcher.) He enjoyed oysters and fruit, but these could not be procured on an active campaign. He never ate mutton when he could obtain anything else, and fowl and game he abhorred. As he used to express it: "I never could eat anything that goes on two legs." Evidently he could never have been converted into cannibalism. He did not miss much by declining to eat the chickens which were picked up on a campaign, for they were usually tough enough to create the suspicion that they had been hatched from hard-boiled eggs, and were so impenetrable that an officer said of one of them that he could not even stick his fork through the gravy. The General was more fond of cucumbers than of anything else, and often made his entire meal upon a sliced cucumber and a cup of coffee. He always enjoyed corn, pork and beans, and buckwheat cakes. In fact, he seemed to be particularly fond of only the most indigestible dishes.

When any fruit could be procured, it was placed on the table by way of helping to ornament it, and afterwards used as dessert. Between the courses of the dinner the General would often reach over to the dish of fruit and pick out a berry or a cherry and eat it slowly. He used to do this in a shy way, like a child helping itself to some forbidden dish at the table, and afraid of being caught in the act. He said one day: "I suppose I ought not to eat a course out of its turn, but I take the greatest delight in picking out bits of fruit and eating them during a meal. One of the reasons I do not enjoy dining out as much as I do at home is because I feel compelled to sit through a long list of courses, few of which I eat, and to resist the constant temptation to taste a little fruit in the meanwhile to help pass away the time." Napoleon was famous for eating out of the various dishes before him with his fingers. General Grant's use of the fingers never went beyond picking out small fruits. He was always refined in his manners at table, and no matter how great was the hurry, or what were the circumstances of the occasion, he never violated the requirements of true politeness.

He ate less than any man in the army; sometimes the amount of food taken did not seem enough to keep a bird alive, and his meals were frugal enough to satisfy the tastes of the most avowed ascetic. It so happened that no one in the mess had any inclination to drink wine or spirits at meals, and none was carried among the mess's supplies. The only beverage ever used at table besides tea and coffee was water, although on the march it was often taken from places which rendered it not the most palatable or healthful of drinks. If a staff officer wanted anything stronger, he would carry some commensurate whisky in a canteen. Upon a few occasions, after a hard day's ride in stormy weather, the General joined the officers of the staff in taking a whisky toddy in the evening. He never offered liquor of any kind to visitors at headquarters. His hospitality consisted in inviting them to meals and to smoke cigars.

Women as Wage-Earners.

Woman's capacity as a wage earner can be measured by the fact that the report of the Massachusetts savings bank commissioners showed that in the year 1894 out of a total of 1,044,049 depositors 480,835 were women, and out of \$74,946,576 deposits that year \$33,460,033 had been deposited by women.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

TRIMMING APPLE TREES.

Apple trees may be pruned at any time between the falling of the leaves and the starting of the buds. February or March are the favored months with most fruit growers. Trees that have been properly cared for when young do not require very much trimming afterwards, the main point being to keep the centre of the trees open, so as to admit freely light and air.—New England Homestead.

MIXING MANURES WITH MUCK.

Muck, by which in this country is generally meant vegetable mold, is too poor in fertility to warrant carrying far or much handling. As for mixing it with stable manures, we would not advise such a practice, as the manure without the muck is none too efficient. There is one partial exception to this rule. When a heap of manure is fermenting it saves the waste of ammonia to throw over the pile a small quantity of vegetable mould, and this when the heap is turned must be mixed with the stable manure.

WELLS IN BARN BASEMENTS.

Every basement barn built for housing stock should have a well under it. In this way water of proper warmth can be always secured for cattle, and a tub or kettle kept full all the time will add greatly to their comfort. It is well for all stock to run out of doors in cold weather for awhile each day, but the animals ought never to be forced to drink water nearly or quite down to the freezing temperature. We have scores of times seen cows turn away from the water under a hole in the ice because they were so chilled that further drinking of icy water was impossible. Much of the lack of thrift of cattle in winter is due to drinking ice cold water, and will be remedied by having a supply of water from a well in the barn basement.—Boston Cultivator.

POULTRY DISEASES.

Most of the diseases that afflict poultry are the effects of unsanitary surroundings, and due entirely to the carelessness or indifference of keepers. Naturally poultry is not sickly, and if given proper care will keep in good health without being dosed with any drugs or nostrums of any kind.

The writer has had a good many years of experience in poultry keeping, and in all that time has never found it necessary to give any great amount of medicine to his flocks. Pure feed, pure water, comfortable quarters and cleanliness in all the surroundings of the flock will insure its health and thrift. The poultry keeper who has "bad luck" with his flock and finds it dwindling away from the effect of disease is nine times out of ten receiving the just penalty for some of his sins of omission.—The Silver Knight.

UNHEALTHFUL FOOD.

Farmers do not seem to be aware of the double loss sustained through the grinding of cobs by millers, says A. P. Steele, of Pennsylvania. Corn is taken to the mill at the rate of seventy pounds to the bushel. Fourteen pounds are deducted for cobs and are not paid for, but the miller grinds these with oat hulls, making No. 3 chop, which sells at \$12 to \$14 per ton, thus giving the miller a clear profit. This cheap chop is unhealthful and its sale should not be allowed. A friend of mine recently lost two shoots and was unable to assign a cause. He called a veterinary surgeon, who found that death had resulted from clogging of the intestines with this cheap chop. The man had paid \$7 for a half ton of chop and had lost \$50 from its use. The manufacture and sale of it should be stopped and then there would be an increased demand for rye, oats and corn. State Grange Master Leonard Rhoads is investigating the matter. Why shouldn't we have pure food laws for the animals as well as for human beings?—American Agriculturist.

Flowers Without Fragrance.

While the flowers of California are famous for brilliant coloring, it has been remarked that flowers with fragrance are remarkably rare among them. On the other hand, it is said that the fragrance that the flowers should possess has been transferred to leaves and branches. It is believed that California can present a larger list of odor-bearing leaved plants in proportion to the number of species known than any country in the world. The peculiar odors of stems and leaves are credited by one of the schools of modern biology with the duty of protecting the plant from predaceous creatures. It is said that there is no accounting for tastes, and among such a vast variety of scented leaves it might be that the tastes of some wild animals would be just suited to some particular class, though objectionable to others. But there seems to be no end to the "purpose" for which the peculiarities of plants may be construed to serve.—New York Independent.

Fishers vs. Farmers.

An acre of good fishing ground in the sea will yield more food in a week than an acre of the best land will do in a year.—Philadelphia Press.

SILENT SUFFERERS.

Women do not Like to Tell a Doctor the Details of Their Private Ills.



The reason why so many women suffer in silence from the multiple disorders connected with their sexual system is that they cannot bear to broach the subject to a man, even if he is a physician.

No one can blame a modest, sensitive woman for this reticence. It is unnecessary in these times, however, for a woman makes to all afflicted women a most generous offer. Mrs. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., bids every woman who suffers to write to her and confide every symptom that annoys her, and she will give her advice without charge, and that advice is based upon the greatest experience ever possessed by man or woman in this country, and extends over a period of twenty-three years, and thousands upon thousands of cases. Why suffer in silence any longer, when you can get help for the asking? Don't fear to tell her everything.

The case of Mrs. Colony, whose letter to Mrs. Pinkham we publish, is an illustration of the good to be received from Mrs. Pinkham's advice; here is a woman who was sick for years and could get no relief—at last in despair she wrote to Mrs. Pinkham—received in return a prompt, sympathetic and interested reply. Note the result and go and do likewise.

"I was troubled with such an aching in my back and hips, and I felt so tired all the time, and had for four years. For the last year it was all I could do to drag around. I would have such a ringing in my head by spells that it seemed as though I would grow crazy. I ached from my shoulders to my feet and was very nervous. I was also troubled with a white discharge. I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., received a prompt reply and followed her advice, and now I have no backache and begin to feel as one ought; in fact, I never felt better in ten years than I do now. I thank God that I went doctoring with Mrs. Pinkham when I did, for if I had not I know I would have been in my grave."
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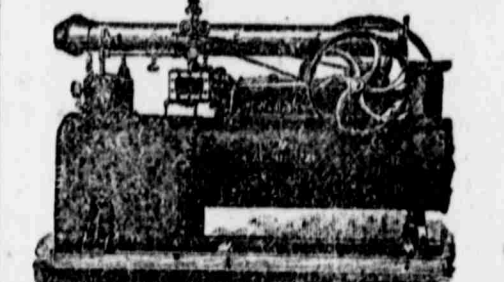
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